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CLANDESTINE SERVICE SENIOR SEMINAR

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1. As you know, the first four days of the Seminar were designed as a sort of backdrop to the problem-tackling weeks, providing: a. a brief survey of developments since World War II and of present international conditions, with particular emphasis on those forces and trends which pose problems for U. S. national objectives and security; b. a look at ourselves and prospects for the future -- the CS in a changing world; and c. an up-to-date and candid look at "the national security process" and the CS role therein. Did you find this portion of the Seminar useful?

- a. No _____
- b. Yes, to a slight degree _____
- c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____
- d. Yes, to a good degree _____
- e. Yes, to an exceptional degree ✓

2. Quite apart from the CS Senior Seminar, do you think that a brief (2 or 3 day) seminar on The CS in a Changing World along the same lines as this backdrop portion would be useful and interesting to other senior CS officers?

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a. No _____

b. Yes, to a slight degree _____

c. Yes, to a moderate degree _____

d. Yes, to a good degree ✓

e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

- but five days would be required.

3. Unfortunately, agenda changes and other factors beyond our control did not permit the timely dissemination of complete reading kits. Except for receiving reading material in piecemeal fashion, did you find the documents useful to your consideration of the problems discussed?

a. No _____

b. Yes, to a slight degree _____

c. Yes, to a moderate degree ✓

d. Yes, to a good degree ✓

e. Yes, to an exceptional degree _____

4. Do you have any suggestions for changes or improvements in the techniques of the Seminar, e.g., in the method of preparing the papers, the handling of outside contributions by guest speakers, etc.?

*The speakers should come first
and then the seminar can delve into
the problem at hand.*

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5. Do you have any suggestions for changes and improvements in the administration of the Seminar, including space and location?

We should spend at least one working week in a secluded spot, such as

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6. Do you think the size of the group was appropriate? If not, please explain. - *no larger - but perhaps*

smaller. - say 8 to 10 persons.

7. Do you think that Seminar members were well selected to meet the requirements placed on the Seminar? If not, do you have any suggestions for improving the composition of any such future Seminar?

Each operating division should ~~have~~^{send} at least one representative, if we are serious that this is to be a truly CS Seminar.

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8. Did you find the Seminar topics pertinent and challenging?

What topics would you have included as "vital, current problems of the CS?"

It was a shame that we did not focus on the Soviet Bloc Operational issue, the excesses of SB notwithstanding. After all, this is constantly drummed into the heads of all of us and plays a major role in the activities of most of our field stations,

9. Do you have any other comments on the Seminar which might be useful as a basis for improvement or modification of any future Seminar?

Unless the seminar is to be patterned after the State Dept. senior seminar, etc., which would be an excellent move, then it should be reduced to a maximum of 2 weeks and concentrate on only one major topic. I think a senior seminar encompassing outside speakers, even participants, would be most stimulating to those of us who get buried in the humdrum of desk work & routine ~~to~~ duties.